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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/756,283; Filed: January 9, 2001 ✓  
For: **Latent Fusion Protein**  
Inventors: Chernajovsky *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0623.1000000/LBB/PAJ/SJE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
2. 15 sheets of drawings: Figures 1 (two sheets), 2 (two sheets), 3 (two sheets), 4 (two sheets), 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 9 and 10; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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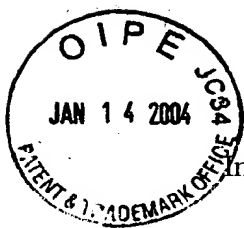
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**Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings**

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Submitted herewith are fifteen sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1 (two sheets), 2 (two sheets), 3 (two sheets), 4 (two sheets), 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 9 and 10, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

In Reply to the Office's notice requiring a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1) and/or a petition fee for Acceptance of Black and White Photographs, Applicants request that the requirement be withdrawn. 1213 OG 108.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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